

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~nutritional or pharmaceutical~~ composition comprising a fructo-oligosaccharide ~~fructo-oligoasaccharide~~ (FOS) and a galacto-oligosaccharide ~~galacto-oligoasaccharide~~ (GOS).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The composition ~~compositions~~ according to claim 1 wherein said FOS contains up to about 95% by weight of oligofructose composed of chains with a degree of polymerization ~~polymerisation~~ ranging from about 2 to about 7 and said GOS contains up to about 95% by weight of oligogalactose composed of chains with a degree of polymerization ~~polymerisation~~ ranging from about 2 to about 7.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein the weight ratio FOS:GOS is from about 0.01 to about 50.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 3 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein the weight ratio FOS:GOS is from about 0.5 to about 2.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein the amount of the FOS and GOS blend is comprised between about 0.05 and about 40% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim which is a high-calorie composition~~ wherein said composition provides at least 400kcal per serving.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ which comprises more than about 1en% protein, based on the total caloric content of the composition.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim which is a complete formula diet~~ in which the composition is nutritionally complete.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 further comprising any preceding claim which comprises, per 100ml: from about 1 to about 3g FOS, from about 1 to about 3g GOS, from about 2 to about 20 g proteins, from about 1 to about 30 g carbohydrates, from about 0.5 to about 20 g fats, ~~as well as minerals and vitamins.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 9 which comprises, per 100ml: about 1.25g FOS, about 1.25g GOS, about 9g proteins, about 22g carbohydrates and about 9g fats.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 in any preceding claim which the composition is a ready-for-consumption composition.

Claims 12 through 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (new): A method of controlling gastrointestinal disorders in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 19 (new): A method of controlling intestinal flora in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 20 (new): A method of controlling inflammatory bowel disease in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 21 (new): A method of controlling infection by a pathogenic gut bacteria in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 22 (new): A method for stimulating growth of beneficial bacteria in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein said beneficial bacteria is selected from the group consisting of *bifidobacteria* and *lactobacilli*.

Claim 24 (new): A method of inhibiting growth of nonbeneficial bacteria in a human in need thereof comprising the step of administering a composition according to claim 1 to said human.

Claim 25 (new): The method of claim 24, wherein said nonbeneficial bacteria is selected from the group consisting of *bacteroides*, *clostridia*, coliforms, and sulphate reducing bacteria.